

**BICENTENNIAL TORCH RELAY!** Nursing professor Mary Goolik, Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin and Former Police Chief Joseph Kwasny will represent Highland during the 2016 Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay, which passes through Lake County on **OCTOBER 9** and **11**. Visit [www.in.gov/ibc/torchrelay](http://www.in.gov/ibc/torchrelay) for a map and schedule of the route.



# GAZEBO EXPRESS

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## 2017 SPENDING PLAN

If you've been wondering about the town's finances, budget hearings in October will provide ample opportunity to get your questions answered about the 2017 spending plan.

It's a balancing act to project revenues while finding sufficient funds to fix streets and sewers and pay employees who serve and protect – which includes police officers and firefighters as well as utility clerks and public works employees.

Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin can plan for the expected, but also has to have contingencies in place to handle the unknowns.

Farmer's Almanac said to plan for a bitterly cold and snowier-than-normal winter. That means reserving additional funds for road salt above-and-beyond what was stashed from last winter while holding some funds in abeyance to pay overtime salaries for the hard-working drivers who clear our streets while most of the town sleeps.

For Griffin, it's a bit of art, as well as craft.

"I look to the revenues I know we can rely on while looking for stability in other funding sources that are less predictable," he said. "Also, a factor on the revenue side of the balance sheet is the loss of property taxes we incur because of the state's circuit-breaker tax credit." 🍁

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

The town will host two public hearings for Highland residents to weigh in on the 2017 spending plan. The hearings will preempt the council's regularly scheduled meetings.

**WHEN:** 7 p.m. **OCTOBER 10** and **24**

**WHERE:** Highland Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road.

**INFO:** Call (219) 838-1080.



### LOCAL BUDGET NOTICES

Find out where your tax dollars go. The **Indiana Gateway for Government Units** provides a direct one-of-a-kind link between local officials and their constituents.

The Gateway grew from the Information for Indiana initiative, a collaboration of the State of Indiana and Indiana University, to make state-collected information available to Indiana citizens. View proposed budget and property tax levy notices and public hearing information for all units of government in Lake County by visiting [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov) and clicking on the Indiana Gateway button.

**QUESTIONS?** If you have questions about a specific unit's financial report, budget, debt, etc., please contact Highland Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin at [mgriffin@highland.in.gov](mailto:mgriffin@highland.in.gov).

### FALL CLEANUP DAY

If getting rid of excess stuff has been on your to-do list, it's time to let the purging begin. Republic Waste Services will schedule extra crews **OCTOBER 18** to collect additional trash and unwanted items as part of fall cleanup day. Construction debris, concrete, household hazardous waste, paint, pool chemicals and leaves are NOT included.

### HIGHLAND SHRED DAY

Time to clean out the clutter? Highland residents and businesses are invited to bring outdated documents and forms to be securely shredded by Opportunity Enterprise's SecureShred staff. Disposal is limited to two full paper-grocery bags or two full banker boxes.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to noon **OCTOBER 29**

**WHERE:** Highland Public Works Facility, 8001 Kennedy Ave.

**INFO:** Call (219) 972-5069.

### SKATE PARK FEEDBACK

Interested skateboarders, rollerbladers and BMX riders are invited to attend a skate park design input meeting. The new skate park will be designed over the winter so the park is ready to ride by early summer. American Ramp Company designers will be present.

**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m. **NOVEMBER 3**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center.

**INFO:** (219) 838-0114.

## TOWN EYES ORDINANCE TO CONTROL GRASS CLIPPINGS, LEAVES

As the volume of yard clippings and leaves blocking sewers continues to increase, the council is looking at a law designed to keep residents working with town crews to keep debris off curbs.

Public Works Director John Bach said although some residents keep the sewer grates cleared, there are too many who do not.

"Although our guys do all they can to clear grass and leaves from the sewers, there is no way we

can keep every sewer grate in town cleared, especially when leaves are falling," Bach said.

"Not only does debris prevent rain from flowing into the storm sewers, a good deal of the organic material gets into the sewer, itself, which is exactly what we don't want it to do.

"All we are asking is that residents stop blowing their grass clippings and leaves in the street," Bach said. "We'll take it from there." 🍁

### FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Fall leaf collection begins Monday, **OCTOBER 10** and will conclude the second week in December. The insert in this issue of the Gazebo Express contains dates for leaf collection in your neighborhood.



## FOOD, FUN & FIRE

Grab the kids and head to the Central Fire Station for an open house where kids can play with water, ride fire trucks and watch a side-by-side burn. Food and refreshments will be served.



**WHEN:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **OCT. 8**  
**WHERE:** Highland Central Fire Station, 2901 Highway Ave.  
**INFO:** Please call the fire station at (219) 923-9876.

## RECYCLING DRUGS

Turn in unused or expired medications to the proper authorities instead of flushing or throwing them out. Highland Police will be participating with the Drug Enforcement Agency as a drop-off site for medications.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. **OCT. 22**  
**WHERE:** HPD, 3315 Ridge Road.  
**INFO:** Call Coordinator Ken Balon at (219) 838-3184.



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## FACADE IMPROVEMENTS BOLSTER BEAUTIFICATION

The Redevelopment Commission is celebrating it's 11th – and soon to be 12th – facade improvements completed over the last five years.

Highland Glass, 8020 Kennedy, finished its storefront upgrade this summer, while Corporate Thread, 2929 Highway, is just beginning.

Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro said the facade grant program has worked exceedingly well, breathing new life into buildings inching closer to the century mark.

"The grant program has maintained the town's design standards by using natural materials to upgrade the facades, while maintaining the mid-century modern look and feel of the downtown," Petro said.

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

If you own a commercial building downtown or along Kennedy and would like to take advantage of the facade improvement program, call Cecile Petro at (219) 972-7598 or email [cpetro@highland.in.gov](mailto:cpetro@highland.in.gov).

The result has been an overall aesthetic upgrade to the downtown and increasingly to north Kennedy, as well. Of the \$529,746 spent so far to beautify building facades, Petro said the town contributed \$147,052 in grants to the projects while property owners spent \$382,694.

"The improvements add to the beautification and assessed value of downtown while increasing the value to the owner," Petro said. 🐦

## FIREFIIGHTERS RAISE MORE THAN \$3,500 ...



**SHOP WITH A FIREFIGHTER:** The holidays are going to be brighter for Highland children thanks to the Highland Fireman's Association's first-ever golf outing. The event raised more than \$3,500 – triple the amount firefighters have been able to collect in years past for the "Shop with a Firefighter" program. Fire Chief Bill Timmer said the group outdid itself in its inaugural golf fund-raiser and thanked firefighters Doug Turich, Bryan Rhoten and Matt Pepelea for making the event one for the record books. Thanks also to the staff at Wicker Memorial Park and North Township Trustee Frank Mrvan for hosting the event as well as local business owners who supported the fund-raiser. "More children than ever before will get to shop with a firefighter in December and we couldn't be happier." **INFO:** Visit [highland.in.gov/HighlandFireDepartment](http://highland.in.gov/HighlandFireDepartment) for a complete list of sponsors. **DONATIONS:** If you would like to make a donation to the "Shop with a Firefighter" campaign, please email Firefighter Doug Turich at [doug.turich@gmail.com](mailto:doug.turich@gmail.com). [photo provided]

## ORDINANCE PROHIBITS PARKING NEAR MAILBOXES

The Highland Town Council hopes an issue with on-street parking will be resolved by a new town law preventing parking near – or in front of – motor-route mailboxes.

Deputy Cdr. John Banasiak, a member of the town's Traffic Safety Commission, said the issue came to light when long-term guests of residents living at Hampton in Highland began parking on residential streets in the Meadows neighborhood, preventing mail delivery.

The law bans parking within 7.5 feet of a street-side mailbox between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Monday through Saturday. Federal holidays are exempt. The same rules also apply for parking near any U.S. street-corner mailboxes that dot the landscape around town.

The ban does not apply when parking to:

- ✓ avoid a conflict with other traffic
- ✓ comply with police or traffic-control device
- ✓ momentarily drop off a passenger

"This should solve the problem," Banasiak said. "The new rules affect parking on about 25 percent of neighborhood streets." 🐦

# FALL FESTIVAL

The Highland Council of Community Events has rolled the state's bicentennial celebration and the magic of autumn into one unique festival that will debut mid-October.

Chock full of entertainment, activities for young and old, along with delectable foods that match the season, this year's festival will be a first for Highland.

The three-day event coincides with the season that features leaves that crunch underfoot, days that are pleasantly warm and evenings that tend to be crisp and cool.

Since the town's history was formed around farming — planting in the spring and tending to crops during hot, languid summers — HCCE President John Breslin said it is fitting that the town celebrate autumn, when farmers like the Van Tils and Scheeringas realized the fruits of their labors.

"We wanted to create an event that would appeal to everyone — whether it's the weather, the pumpkins or the heartier foods of our collective childhoods," he said. "Autumn is a really special time in Highland." 🍂

## CALLING ALL VENDORS!

It's not too late for you — or your group — to get in on the fun as home-based, craft or food vendors. Call Dawn Wolak at (219) 616-5193 for more details. **PLEASE NOTE:** HCCE is looking for fall-inspired foods — caramel apples, hot ciders and anything pumpkin — to offer festival-goers.

## ABOUT THE FESTIVAL

Celebrate Indiana's 200th birthday with food, fun and friends at Main Square Park. Highland's fall festival features rides, food, beer tent, crafts and live music.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 21:** 5 to 10 p.m.

**OCTOBER 22:** 1 to 10 p.m.

**OCTOBER 23:** 1 to 8 p.m.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### FRIDAY, OCT. 21

6-7:30 PM Brothers & Wine  
*Southern Rock*  
8:15-10 PM Nawty  
*Rock/Pop*

### SATURDAY, OCT. 22

1:30-3 PM Frank & Munde  
*Acoustic Rock*  
4-5:30 PM Fresh Hops  
*Indie*  
6-7:30 PM Cory Dennison Band  
*Blues/Rock*  
8:15-10 PM M & R Rush  
*Rock*

### SUNDAY, OCT. 23

1:30-3 PM The Concept  
*Indie Pop/Soft Rock*  
3:30-5 PM Monterrey  
*Classic Rock*  
6-8 PM High Noon  
*Country*

## SUPPORT OPERATION SOS

Operation SOS - Support Our Service members - needs your donations of items and cash to send cheer boxes to service members overseas.

Drop off donations through Nov. 2 at Town Hall, Lincoln Community Center and Miles Bookstore. A packing party will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **NOV. 20** at Wicker Park Pavilion.

Anyone wishing to contribute cash to help pay for shipping should make a check payable to: Operation SOS, P.O. Box 9308, Highland, IN 46322.

**INFO:** Call (219) 923-5799.

## CALLING ALL SCULPTORS!

Highland is looking for local artists interested in completing an outdoor sculpture downtown. The selected artist will receive a \$500 stipend. Submissions are due **OCTOBER 7**.

**INFO:** Find details at [highland.in.gov](http://highland.in.gov).

## NEW POLLING PLACE

Attention Highland voters in Precinct 5! You have a new polling place. If you previously voted at Arc Bridges, 9600 Kennedy, your polling location has been moved to Fire Station #2, 2647-45th Avenue. The change takes effect for the presidential election **NOVEMBER 8**.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAARS

Check out the local Christmas bazaars — featuring arts, crafts, quilts, candy, holiday decorations, baked goods and more — hosted by our local churches.

### OUR LADY OF GRACE

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **NOV. 5** and 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **NOV. 6** at Our Lady of Grace School cafeteria, 3025 Highway. **INFO:** Call (219) 924-8483 or (219) 838-0395.

### GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. **NOV. 5** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3711 Ridge Road. **INFO:** Call (219) 838-5313.

## ENJOY FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN AT ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE TRAIL

Organizers of the 2016 Festival of the Trail — an eclectic mix of the arts and fitness — are branching out with poetry, music by Highland native Brad Kleinschmidt, a performance by the Jane Berland Dancers as well as fitness and fire safety demos. Off the trail, stores will be hopping with yummy food specials prepared by Traditions, Langel's Pizza, Dan's Pierogies and Cakes by Karen as well as side-walk sales along Jewett and Highway avenues.

"What we are hoping to achieve with this year's festival is to not only provide attractions in the municipal parking lot along the bike trail, but to increase foot and bicycle traffic up and down Highway Avenue and Jewett Street," Highland Redevelopment Assistant Lance Ryskamp said.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Call the Redevelopment Commission office at (219) 972-7598 or email Lance Ryskamp at [lryskamp@highland](mailto:lryskamp@highland).

## IF YOU GO ...

This year's festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. **OCT. 15** in the Municipal Lot, at the southwest corner of Highway and Kennedy, and along the bike trail.

**INFO:** Get festival updates on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using #2016HighlandFestivaloftheTrail.



## PUMPKIN & MUM SALE

The Highland Adult Athletic Booster Club is selling \$25 vouchers good for fall merchandise — such as pumpkins, mums, cornstalks — at Scheeringa Farms on Cline Avenue.

**INFO:** To purchase vouchers through **OCT. 24**, please e-mail [haabc14@gmail.com](mailto:haabc14@gmail.com) or call coordinator Tina Piech at (219) 808-9887.

## FINAL MARKET DAYS

Support local businesses and musicians at the weekly outdoor street market featuring fresh produce, artisanal goods and gourmet foods. Entertainment includes David Blixt Duo **OCT. 8** and Ronn Barany **OCT. 15**.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays

**WHERE:** Main Square Park

**INFO:** (219) 838-0114 or [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org).

## HIGHLAND YOUTH BASKETBALL

Students in kindergarten through Grade 5 will play a 10-game season while learning the fundamentals of basketball. Games are on Saturdays and practice on weekdays. Teams are determined by a player draft. All players receive a T-shirt. Volunteer coaches wanted.

**DEADLINE:** Register by Sunday, **OCT. 16**

**FEE:** \$50 residents/\$55 nonresidents

**ONLINE ACTIVITY CODE:** 133006

**PRACTICE:** Begins week of **NOV. 7**

**GAMES:** 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **DEC. 3 - FEB. 18**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Center Fieldhouse

**INFO:** [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org) or (219) 838-0114.

## TEA PARTY IN WONDERLAND

Mothers and their daughters — ages 5-12 — are invited to our first Alice in Wonderland-inspired tea party. Enjoy a catered breakfast, games and crafts. Each mother-daughter duo will receive a 5x7 photo. Check out the photo booth for an additional fee.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m. Saturday, **NOV. 5**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**FEE:** \$30 residents/\$35 nonresidents.

Deadline to register is **NOVEMBER 2**.

**INFO:** [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org) or (219) 838-0114.

## MORNING EXERCISE CLASSES

Try one of our four-week sessions beginning **OCTOBER 24** in the Lincoln Community Center aerobics room. Bring a towel and water bottle.

**WEIGHTED WORKOUT:** Includes kettlebells to burn fat, tone muscles and improve cardio.

**WHEN:** 8:30 to 9 a.m. Mondays/Thursdays

**2X/WEEK:** \$19 residents/\$22.50 nonresidents

**1X/WEEK:** \$10 residents/\$12 nonresidents

**SIT AND BE FIT:** Combines stretching and strengthening with light aerobics. Perfect for those with limited mobility or balance issues.

**WHEN:** 10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays/Thursdays

**2X/WEEK:** \$19 residents/\$22.50 nonresidents

**1X/WEEK:** \$10 residents/\$12 nonresidents

**INFO:** [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org) or (219) 838-0114.



### TRI KAPPA BOO BLAST

Join us for a costume-filled afternoon of games, storytelling, snacks and more for all kids 10 and under.

**WHEN:** 2 to 5 p.m. **OCT. 8**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**TICKETS:** Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at Lincoln Center or through any Munster-Highland Tri Kappa member.

**INFO:** Please email [d\\_havlin@comcast.net](mailto:d_havlin@comcast.net).

### TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-or-treat hours for all goblins and ghouls are from 5 to 7 p.m.

Monday, **OCT. 31**.

Looking for a safe and fun trick-or-treat alternative?

New Life Christian Reformed Church will host Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot, 3010 Ridge Road.

**INFO:** Call (219) 838-0506.

### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Do you have stuff you'd like to sell, but don't want people in your home? Join the community garage sale in conjunction with the Card & Comic Show. Register to sell your items now!

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **OCT. 15**

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**VENDOR FEES:** \$32.10 for 10' X 10' interior space or \$53.50 for 23' x 6' wall space.

Table, chairs, extension cords not provided.

**INFO:** [highlandparks.org](http://highlandparks.org) or (219) 838-0114.

### CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Highland Parks and Recreation is now accepting crafters and vendors for its annual fall show featuring candles, handbags, home décor, skin care, gourmet dips and more.

**VENDOR FEES:** \$42.80 for 10' X 10' interior space and \$69.55 for 23' x 6' wall space.

Table, chairs, extension cords not provided.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, **NOV. 26**.

**WHERE:** Lincoln Community Center

**INFO:** Call (219) 838-0114.